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General J. Lawton Collins  
Chief of Staff  
Department of the Army  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Collins:

This agency was recently notified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that it would no longer investigate persons being considered for employment. As you can realize, this decision places us in a very difficult position.

Inasmuch as our investigations must be exceptionally thorough, we are anxious to make use of all existing records. Consequently, I would like my investigators to have access to the Military Personnel Records of the Adjutant General. Except for verification of service, grade and character of discharge, we cannot use these files at present.

We are willing to give this information adequate protection. It will be maintained in our investigative records, and will be available only to our security staff.

I would appreciate it if you would instruct the Adjutant General to have his representative discuss this matter with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, my Security Officer, in order to reach some arrangement which will protect the privileged character of the Adjutant General's files while at the same time providing us, on a highly confidential basis, with the information we require.

Faithfully,

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WALTER A. GUTH  
Director

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